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For: USE OF NATURAL VEGETABLE COMPONENTS AS
FLAVOURING AGENTS IN THE COATING OF CHEWING GUM

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Prior to the examination of the above-identified patent application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 5-6, 9-10, 13, 15-16, 18, 20-21, 26-31, 33-34, 36-38, and 40-42. A clean version of the amended claims is set forth below. In accordance with 37 CFR § 1.121(b), also enclosed, in Appendix A, is a marked up version of these claims to show amendments made in them:

sub B1 5. (Once Amended) A chewing gum according to claim 1 wherein the natural vegetable flavouring agent comprising cellular material from a plant in the coating is selected from fruit and herbs.

A 6. (Once Amended) A chewing gum according to claim 1 wherein the natural vegetable flavouring agent in the coating is selected from coconut, grape fruit, orange, lime, lemon, mandarin, pineapple, strawberry, raspberry, mango, passion fruit, kiwi, apple, pear, peach, apricot, cherry, grapes, banana, cranberry, blueberry, black current, red current, gooseberry, and lingon berries, thyme, basil, camille, valerian, fennel, parsley, camomile,